

The Black Olympians

Former Olympians with winning careers

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This article is the second in three-part series. Though some have found the going rough after their Olympic glory, a number of former black Olympians have "made it" in other endeavors following their athletic careers.

One of them is **Herbert Paul Douglas Jr.**, known to the track and field crowd as **Herb Douglas**. Douglas, who lives in Philadelphia, has risen to the vice presidency of Schieffelin & Co. of New York and has been affiliated with the importer of Scotch and wines for more than 20 years.

He was one of the first post-World War II Olympic medal winners when he won a bronze medal in the long jump in London in 1948. One of his teammates was the astounding **Harrison Dillard**, who won two gold medals in 1948 and two in 1952, and was the one-time holder of 11 American, Olympic and world records. Douglas' feats that earned him an Olympic berth began in junior high school in Pittsburgh, where he earned letters in basketball, track and gymnastics.

In 1936, the year Jesse Owens earned the "fastest human" gold medal in the 100 meters, Douglas was Pittsburgh's 75-yard dash champion. He was inspired by Owens, who later met him, and in subsequent years they became close friends.

In recent years, Douglas has been instrumental in keeping a liaison with former black Olympic stars. All of them, regardless of the years in

which they participated, maintain a high degree of comraderie.

In recent months, Douglas has organized the International Amateur Athletic Association that is designed to keep alive the competitive spirit of the late Jesse Owens. He, too, has managed to maintain a successful career in the private sector, which he attributes to his success in the Olympics.

Andrew W. Stanfield, a former gold medalist, is executive director of the Union Township Community Action Organization, headquartered at the Myra E. Kearsce Center, Vaux Hall, N.J. To Olympic followers, he is

"Perhaps the biggest winners in post-Olympic careers are the athletes who win gold medals in boxing."

Andy Stanfield.

He has a staff of nearly 60 persons, some located in several other sites in the huge township, probably one of the biggest such areas of its type in New Jersey. It has been 31 years since he won his first Olympic gold medals at Helsinki, Finland, but around his desk are the photographic memories of an illustrious track career launched at nearby Seton Hall University.

Despite his busy program that involves hundreds of kids in Head-Start, elders in senior citizen projects, plus varied community projects, he is making plans for a mammoth New Jersey marathon, "Run for the Poor," schedul-

ed for May 1984 with a goal exceeding a million dollars.

Another gold medal winner who has made it in the business world is **Hayes Jones**, a hurdler, who is currently manager of market development for the Stroh Beer Co. in Detroit, Mich. Jones has been in his new post for more than a year, but prior to that served with American Airlines.

Jones was a third-place finisher (bronze medal) in the Rome Olympics in 1960 when his parents from Michigan cheered him from the stands. Four years later, Jones won the gold in his specialty -- the 110-meter hurdles -- in Tokyo.

Edwin Moses, the 1976 400-meter hurdling champion, is still competing and is expected to be an important cog in the 1984 U.S. Olympic team. Moses now has a degree in physics and works as an athletic consultant and spokesman for a film firm doing promotions and publicity for the Olympic Games.

George Rhoden, a gold medal winner in the 400 meters in 1952, is still involved in the Masters Track Program. He is a podiatrist and resides in Oakland, Calif. Rhoden, a former Morgan State College track star under Coach Eddie Hurt in Baltimore, Md., ran in the Olympics for Jamaica, his native home.

Mal Andrews, a 1956 Olympic broad jumper, is now a teacher at Cal-State at Hayward, Calif., and **George Brown**, a 1952 teammate of Rhoden's, lives in Sacramento.

Dave Albritten, who has been a coach, a



Rafer Johnson, gold medalist in the decathlon at the 1960 games in Rome, starred in a number of films after his athletic career ended.

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